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SUBJ: REPORTED KAMANA RESIGNATION

1. WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT DUNSTAN KAMANA, ZAMBIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, HAS RESIGNED EFFECTIVE IN APRIL WHEN HE WILL JOIN ANDREW SARDANIS' BUSINESS FIRM. KAMANA'S REASON FOR LEAVING GOVT SERVICE IS REPORTEDLY HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH MARK CHONA'S UNSTINTING SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT DURING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON MAJORITY RULE FOR RHODESIA. CHONA AND KAMANA MADE UP ZAMBIA'S OBSERVER DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE, BUT CHONA, WITH HIS DIRECT ACCESS TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WAS CLEARLY CALLING THE TUNE.

2. COMMENT: CHONA HAS BEEN ONE OF KAUNDA'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATE FOR YEARS. HOWEVER, ONE CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER WHETHER HE WILL ONE DAY OVER REACH HIMSELF. AT THE MOMENT HE IS CLEARLY THE PRESIDENT'S CHIEF ADVISER ON FOREIGN POLICY. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE LOYALLY EXECUTES THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES AND THE MINISTRY SUPPORTS HIM. BUT CHONA'S INFLUENCE EXTENDS BEYOND FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS INTO BROAD GOVT POLICY WHERE HIS IDEALISM AND COLLECT-IVIST SENTIMENT SOMETIMES PREVAIL OVER PRAGMATIC CONSIDERATIONS OF GOOD ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SENSE, AS IT WAS SAID TO HAVE DONE IN THE PRESIDENT'S JAN 7 SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT. KAMANA IS WELL RESPECTED IN ZAMBIA. HE FOLLOWS MANY OTHER ABLE ZAMBIANS WHO HAVE ABANDONED PUBLIC SERVICE FOR MORE LUCRATIVE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AS A RESULT OF THEIR DISILLUSIONMENT WITH GOVT

MISMANAGEMENT. HOWEVER, KAMANA HAS ALSO BEEN SPOKEN OF AS A
POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR SITEKE MWALE AS FOREIGN MINISTER.
HE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE POSITION WITH CHONA
STILL IN STATE HOUSE. LOW

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